(c) A project for the integrated development of Srinagar, which includes development of Dal and Nagin Lakes, has been received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The project is under the consideration of the Government.

Failure in the Development of District headquarters in the NCR Plan

1806. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of District Headquarters as priority towns of the National Capital Region has proved a complete non-starter because of the failure of the Central and the State Governments to allocate resources on a preferential basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Capital Region Planning Board had, in July, 1987, mooted the idea of developing a few towns on a priority basis with the purpose of reducing the inflow of migrants into Delhi;

(c) whether the plan has completely failed; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to get the proposal regarding N.C.R. implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Central Government has allocated Rs. 3.90 crores during 1985-86; Rs. 4.25 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 6.00 crores during 1987-88 which matching share by the State Governments and their implementing agencies for implementing of NCR schemes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The Plan has a perspective upto the year 2001 A.D.

(d) The NCR Planning Board has formulated projects for development of three towns during the Seventh Plan in consultation with the participating State Governments.

Visit of Central teams to drought affected areas

1807. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Central Teams visited drought affected States of the country to assess the damage caused by drought in these States;

(b) if so, what is the composition of each Central team and names of the States visited by them;

(c) the main recommendations made to the Central Government by each central team; and

(d) whether any State has made any additional demand and if so, the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 74.]

(c) Central Teams are deputed to the drought affected State for making an assessment of the requirements of Central assisstance for

relief measures. The High Level Committee on Relief (HLCR) finalises its recommendations for central assistance to be approved to the affected States having regard to the report submitted by the Central Teams. On the basis of HLCR's recommendations, ceilings of expenditure has been approved for different States for different relief measures.

(d) Additional demands over and above the ceilings of expenditure already approved for drought relief have been received from Orissa for the period upto March, 1988 and from the States of Haryana and Rajasthan for the period upto June/July, 1988. While Additional Central assistance in the case of Orissa has been approved, the requests of Rajasthan and Haryana will be considered in accordance with the established procedure.

Shortage of drinking water in Southern States

1806. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking water in various Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of such States; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to provide drinking water to all the Southern States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Out of 15 States affected by drinking water scarcity during 1987 drought, 4 Southern States were also affected. However, with the various measures undertaken for supply of safe drinking water, the drinking water situation in these States is well within control. No problem has been reported by the concerned States.

(b) Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

(c) The States were advised to draw up a contingency plan to combat scarcity of drinking water, to repriorities their plan programmes in the rural water supply sector by diverting funds to the hard core affected areas and also to lay emphasis on source finding activities and to dovotail activities under NREP, RLEGP, etc.

Details of funds released to the drought affected Southern States under the normal Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the ceilings of expenditure approved by the Government as part of drought relief assistance for combating drinking water scarcity in the affected areas are given in the Statement enclosed.